



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 233

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Substitute House Bill No. 6553

House of Representatives, March 27, 2013

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a Task Force
2 on Family Medical Leave Insurance. The task force shall study the
3 feasibility of establishing an insurance program to provide short-term
4 benefits to workers who are unable to work due to (1) pregnancy or
5 the birth of a child, (2) a non-work-related illness or injury, or (3) the
6 need to care for a seriously ill child, spouse or parent.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
8 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
10 and public employees; (2) the executive director of the Permanent
11 Commission on the Status of Women, or said executive director's
12 designee; (3) the Insurance Commissioner, or said commissioner's
13 designee; (4) the Labor Commissioner, or said commissioner's

14 designee; (5) the State Comptroller, or said Comptroller's designee; (6)
15 three members of the public appointed by the Governor, one of whom
16 represents an organization that advocates for the rights of persons
17 with disabilities, one of whom represents an organization that
18 advocates for infant health and one of whom represents an
19 organization that advocates for individuals sixty-five years of age or
20 older; (7) two members of the public appointed by the president pro
21 tempore of the Senate, one of whom represents an organization that
22 provides legal services to low-income individuals and one of whom
23 serves or has served in a care-giving institution, as defined in section
24 20-571 of the general statutes; (8) two members of the public appointed
25 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
26 represents an organization that advocates for individuals with chronic
27 or acute illnesses and one of whom represents a labor organization; (9)
28 two members of the public appointed by the majority leader of the
29 Senate, one of whom represents an organization that provides medical
30 care to working families and one of whom represents the insurance
31 industry; (10) two members of the public appointed by the majority
32 leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom represents an
33 organization that advocates for working families and one of whom
34 represents the interests of women-owned businesses; (11) two
35 members of the public appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
36 one of whom represents an organization that provides temporary
37 disability insurance and one of whom represents the interests of small
38 businesses; and (12) two members of the public appointed by the
39 minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom
40 represents the interests of state businesses and one of whom represents
41 the interests of parents.

42 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
43 July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

44 (d) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the
45 Status of Women shall serve as the chairperson and schedule the first
46 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than September
47 1, 2013. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall

48 provide any necessary support staff or services for the task force.

49 (e) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
52 relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the
53 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

54 (f) The task force shall terminate on October 1, 2014.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b)(3), "Commissioner of Insurance" was changed to "Insurance Commissioner" for consistency.

LAB *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	Less than 1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates by FY 15.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 7 Nay 4 (03/14/2013)